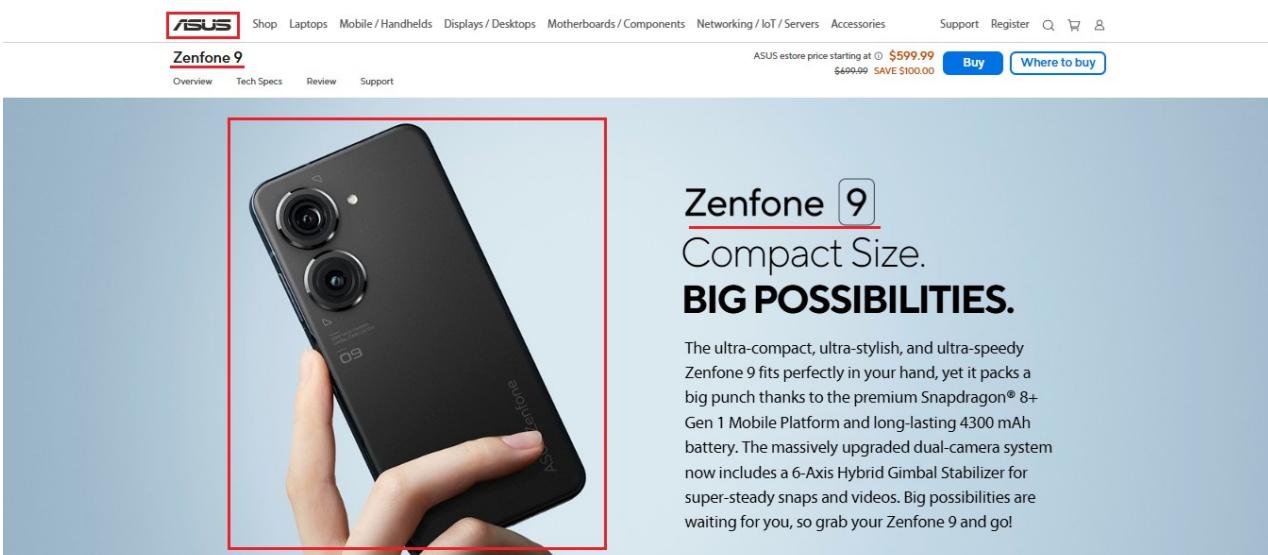
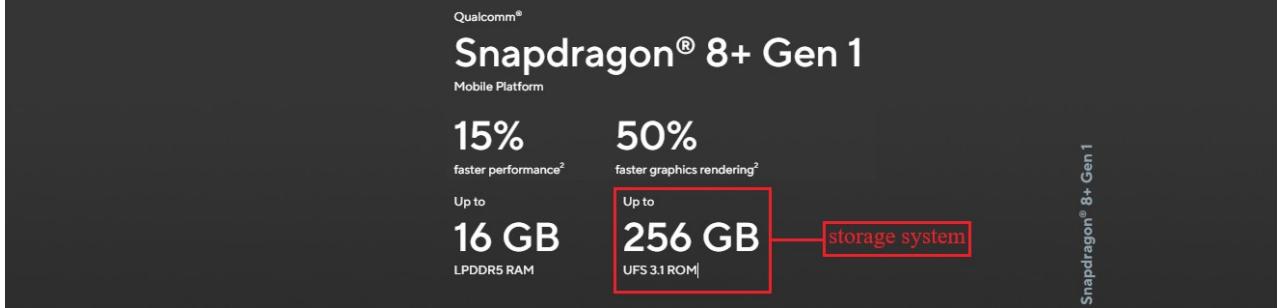


Exhibit 2

Method Claim: 1

US10095426	Asus Zenfone 9 ("The accused product")
1. A method of storing data on a storage system comprising:	<p>The accused product discloses a method of storing data on a storage system (e.g., UFS 3.1 storage device of the accused product).</p> <p>As shown below, the accused product has a storage system based on UFS 3.1 used to store data in compliance with the UFS 3.1 specification.</p>  <p>A screenshot of the Asus Zenfone 9 product page on the ASUS website. The page features the Zenfone 9 smartphone, which is black with a triple-camera system on the back. A red rectangular box highlights the camera area. The page includes the ASUS logo, navigation links like Shop, Laptops, Mobile / Handhelds, etc., and a price of \$599.99. Text on the page describes the phone as having a compact size and "BIG POSSIBILITIES". A link at the bottom provides the archived URL of the page.</p> <p>https://web.archive.org/web/20230925133620/https://www.asus.com/us/mobile-handhelds/phones/zенfone/zенfone-9/</p>



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UNIVERSAL FLASH STORAGE (UFS), VERSION 3.1

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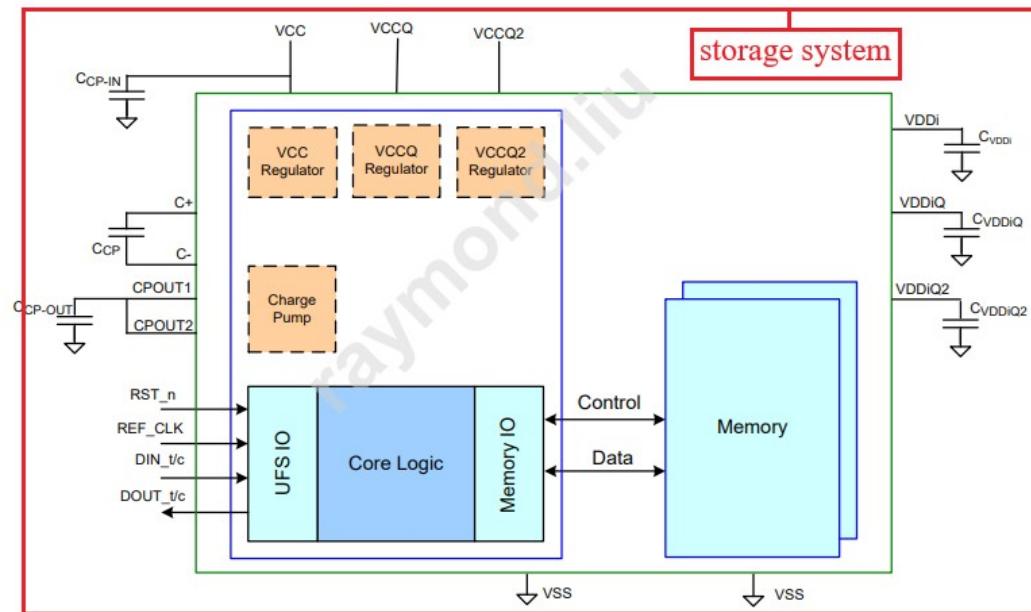
1 Scope

5 This standard specifies the characteristics of the UFS electrical interface and the memory device. Such
6 characteristics include (among others) low power consumption, high data throughput, low
7 electromagnetic interference and optimization for mass memory subsystem efficiency. The UFS electrical
8 interface is based on an advanced differential interface by MIPI M-PHY specification which together with
9 the MIPI UniPro specification forms the interconnect of the UFS interface. The architectural model is
10 referencing the INCITS T10 (SCSI) SAM standard and the command protocol is based on INCITS T10
11 (SCSI) SPC and SBC standards.

Source: JESD220E specification

489 **6.1 UFS Signals**

490 Figure 6.1 represents a conceptual drawing of UFS device. Utilization of internal regulators and
491 connection of those to different parts of the sub-system may differ per implementation.



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Foreword

This standard has been prepared by JEDEC. The purpose of this standard is definition of a UFS Universal Flash Storage electrical interface and a UFS memory device. This standard defines a unique UFS feature set and includes the feature set of eMMC standard as a subset. This standard references several other standard specifications by MIPI (M-PHY and UniPro specifications) and INCITS T10 (SBC, SPC and SAM draft standards) organizations.

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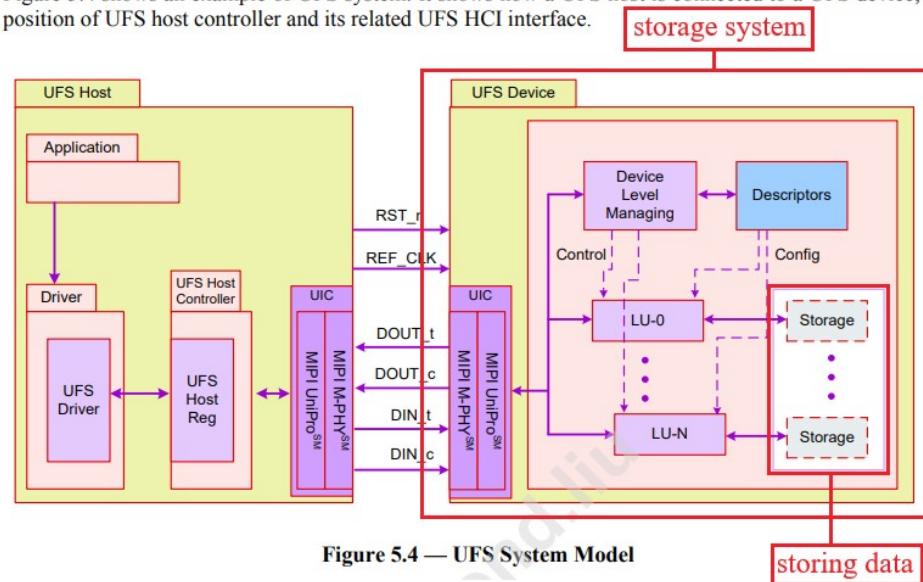
The UFS device is a universal data storage and communication media. It is designed to cover a wide area of applications as smart phones, cameras, organizers, PDAs, digital recorders, MP3 players, internet tablets, electronic toys, etc.

storing data on a
storage system

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285 **5.2 UFS System Model**

286 Figure 5.4 shows an example of UFS system. It shows how a UFS host is connected to a UFS device, the
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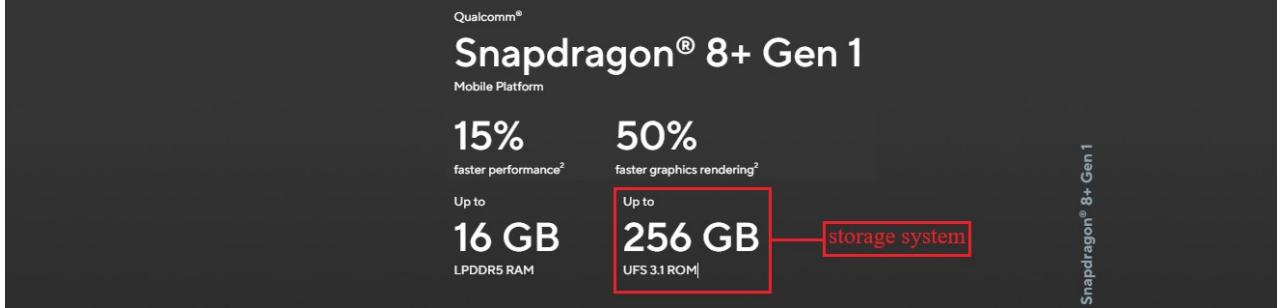


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providing a storage medium as part of the storage system;

The accused product discloses, providing a storage medium (e.g., NAND flash) as part of the storage system (e.g., UFS 3.1 storage device of the accused product).

As shown below, the accused product has a storage system based on UFS 3.1 which uses NAND flash as the storage medium.



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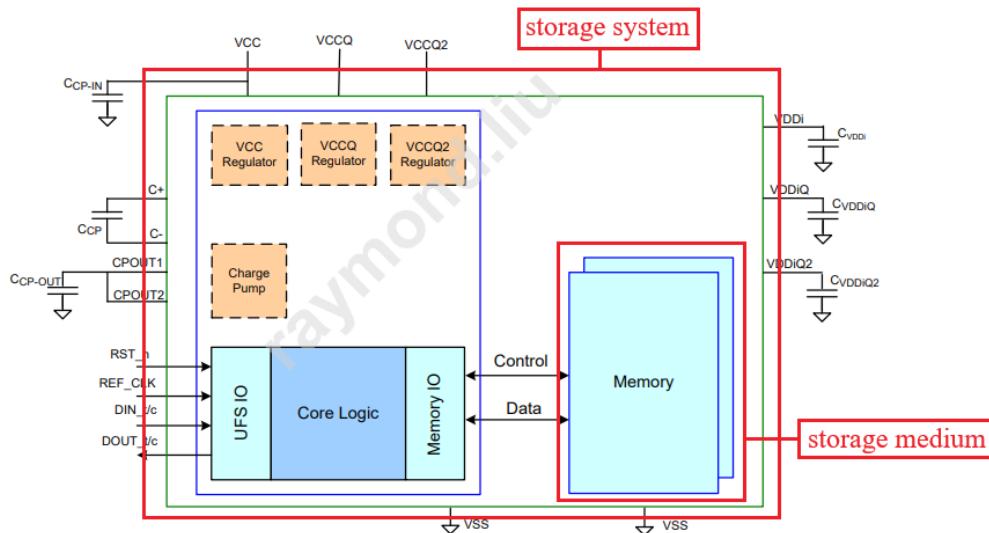
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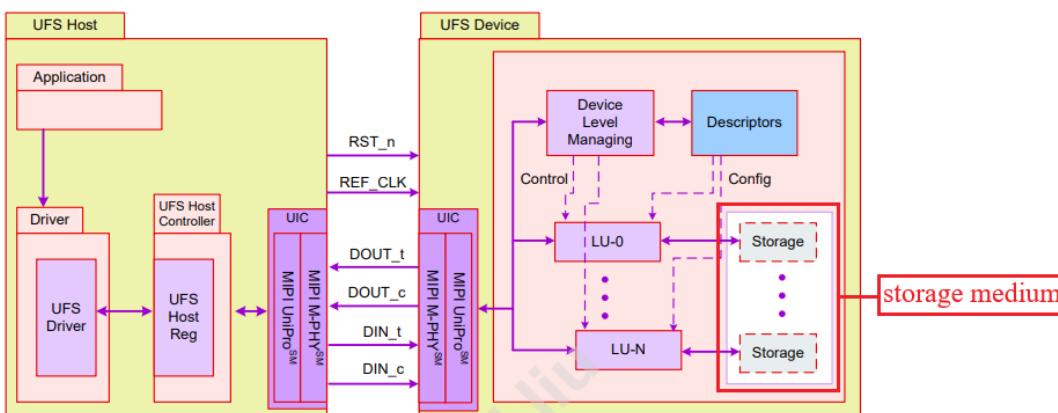


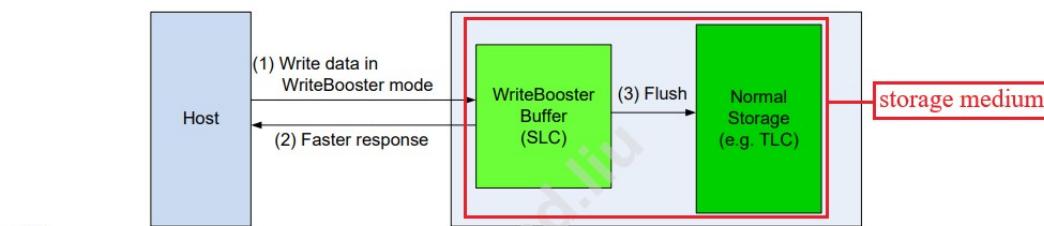
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6465 **Figure 13.7 — Concept of WriteBooster feature**

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A bit About FLASH Management

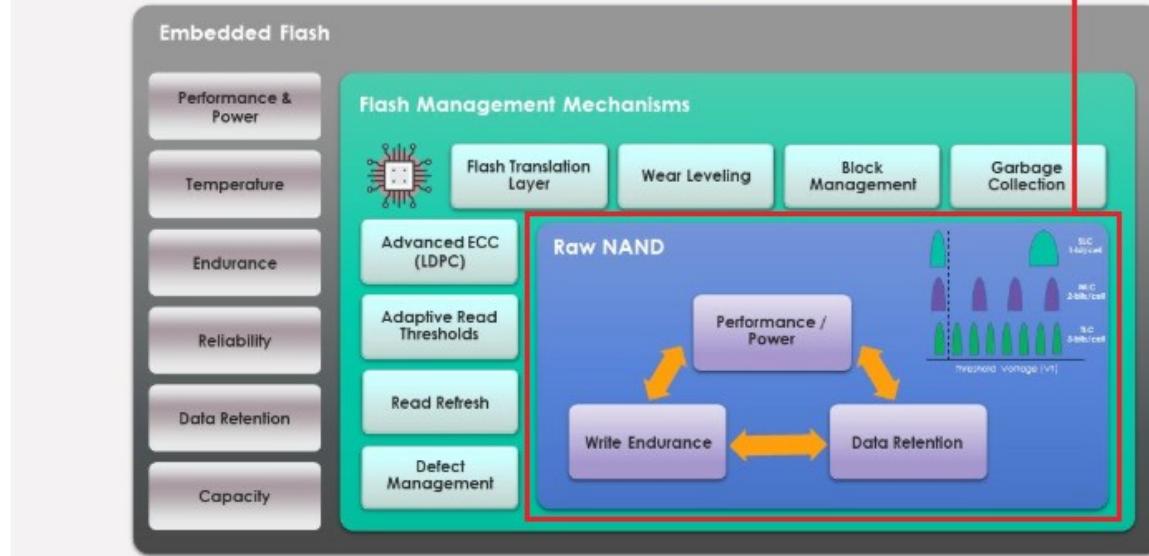
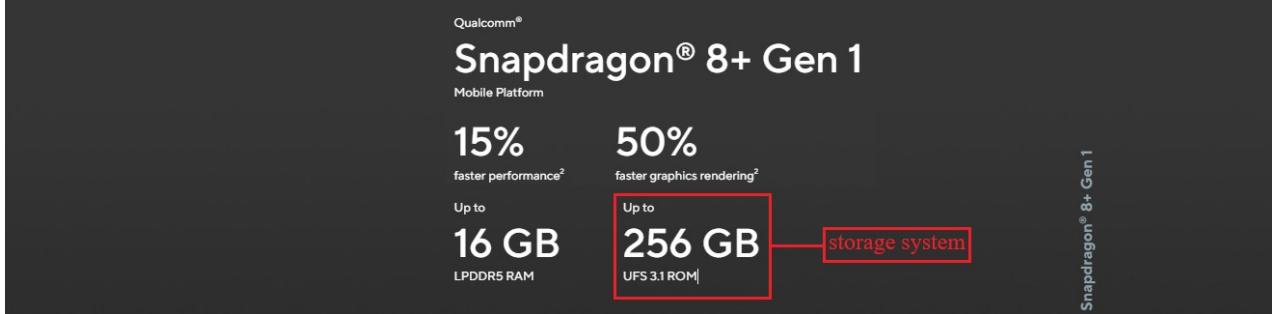


Figure 3. Flash memory needs management to optimize its characteristics.

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	<p>The diagram illustrates two write operations to a storage medium. In the 'WriteBooster' scenario (top), step 1 shows a 'HOST' writing to a 'Controller'. Step 2 shows the 'Controller' writing data to a 'Flash Memory' cell in pSLC format. Step 3 shows the 'Controller' copying data from the pSLC cell to a TLC cell. In the 'Normal Write without WriteBooster' scenario (bottom), step 1 shows a 'HOST' writing to a 'Controller'. Step 2 shows the 'Controller' writing data directly to a TLC cell in the 'Flash Memory'. A legend at the bottom right indicates that pink represents pSLC and blue represents TLC.</p> <p>https://americas.kioxia.com/content/dam/kioxia/en-us/business/memory/mlc-nand/asset/KIOXIA_WriteBooster_Feature_Tech_Brief.pdf</p>
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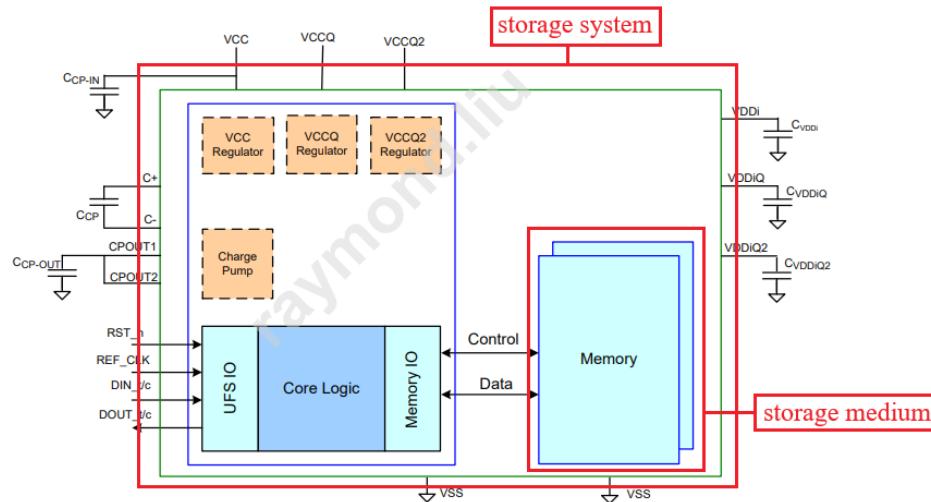
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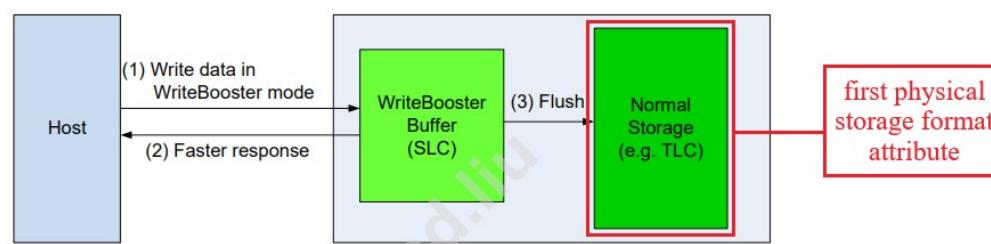
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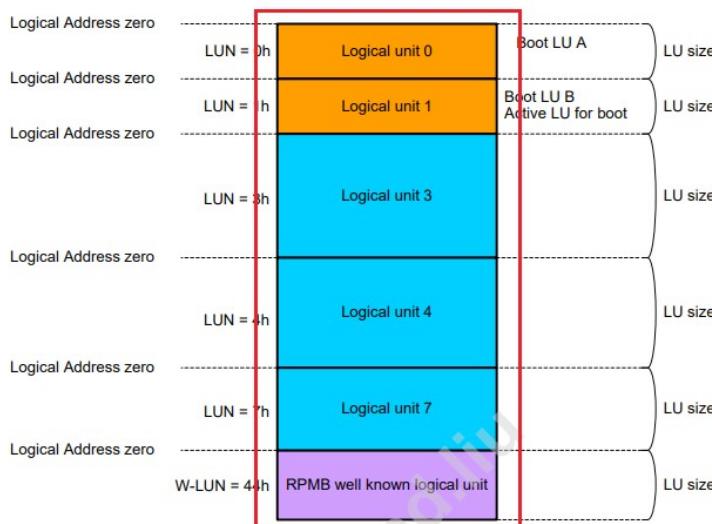
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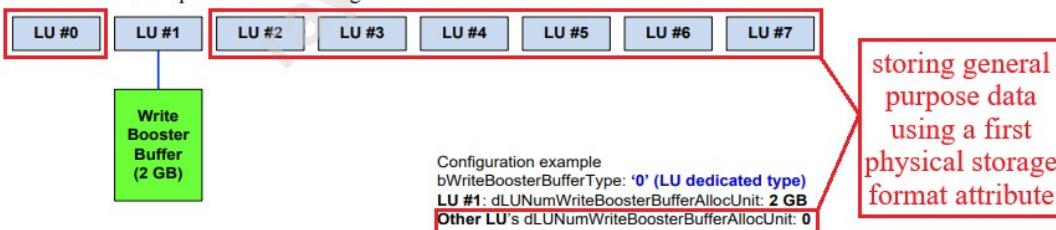
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Table 13.3 — Logical unit configurable parameters

Configurable parameters		Logical Unit
Name	Description	
bLUEnable	Logical Unit Enable	LU 0, ..., Maximum LU specified by bMaxNumberLU
bBootLunID	Boot LUN ID	LU 0, ..., Maximum LU specified by bMaxNumberLU
dLUNumWriteBoosterBufferAllocUnits	WriteBooster Buffer size for the corresponding Logical Unit	Valid only for LU 0, ..., LU 7

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6503 **LU dedicated buffer mode**
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6507 zero enables the WriteBooster feature in the logical unit. When bConfigDescrLock attribute is set to 01h,
6508 logical unit configuration can no longer be changed.
6509 The maximum number of supported WriteBooster Buffers is defined in the bDeviceMaxWriteBoosterLUs
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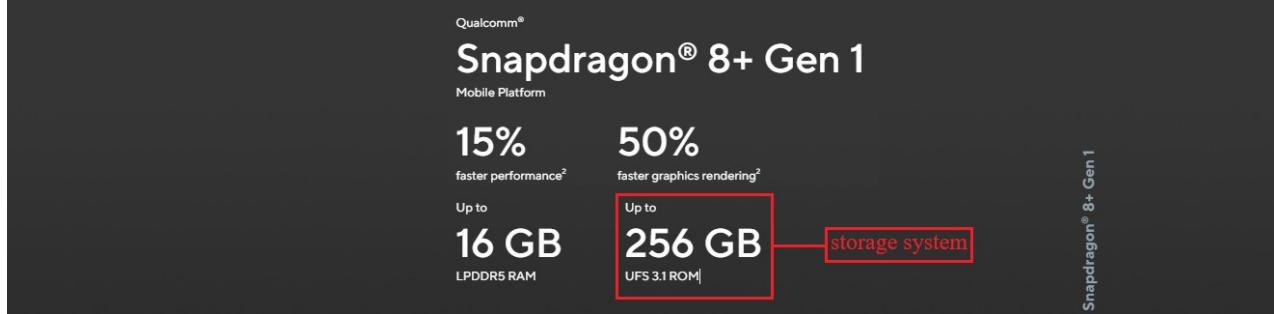
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	<p>In Figure 2 below, the top WriteBooster image shows how a pSLC buffer worsens the Write Amplification Factor⁴ (WAF) since data is written to the pSLC buffer first, and then written to the TLC user space. <u>The bottom image represents normal write operations without the WriteBooster feature enabled and shows that the pSLC buffer is not being used.</u> For this operation, data is written directly to the TLC user space.</p> <p><i>Figure 2 depicts write operations with and without the WriteBooster Feature enabled</i></p> <p>https://americas.kioxia.com/content/dam/kioxia/en-us/business/memory/mlc-nand/asset/KIOXIA_WriteBooster_Feature_Tech_Brief.pdf</p>
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How does 5G impact UFS (Universal Flash Storage)?

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streaming data

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Prior to UFS 3.1, storage devices couldn't achieve the 500 MB/sec write performance needed for 5G. JEDEC added a feature called "write booster" where the host can tell the device "I want you to take a load of data and write it into a single-level cell (SLC) non-volatile cache to increase write speed." SLC has a higher threshold voltage than MLC and TLC in Figure 4. It's a new API just to enable 5G.

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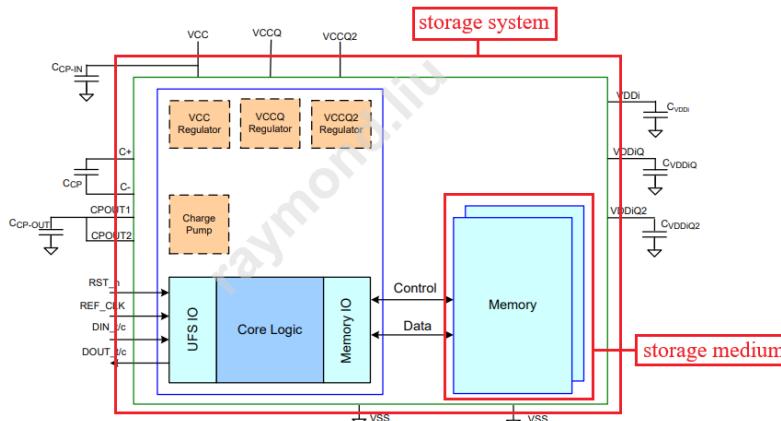
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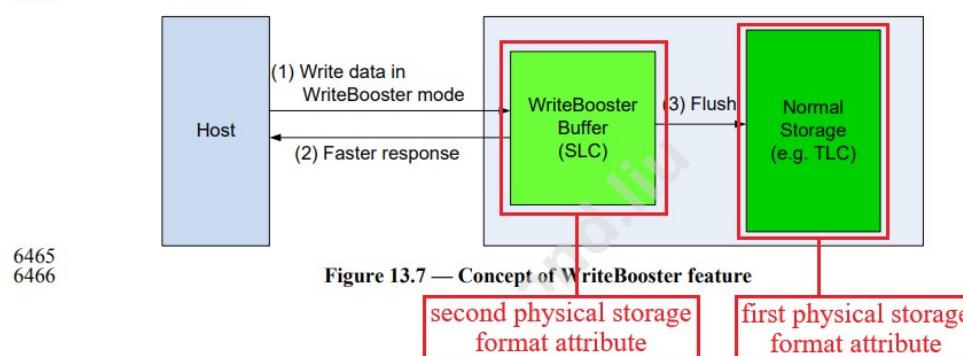
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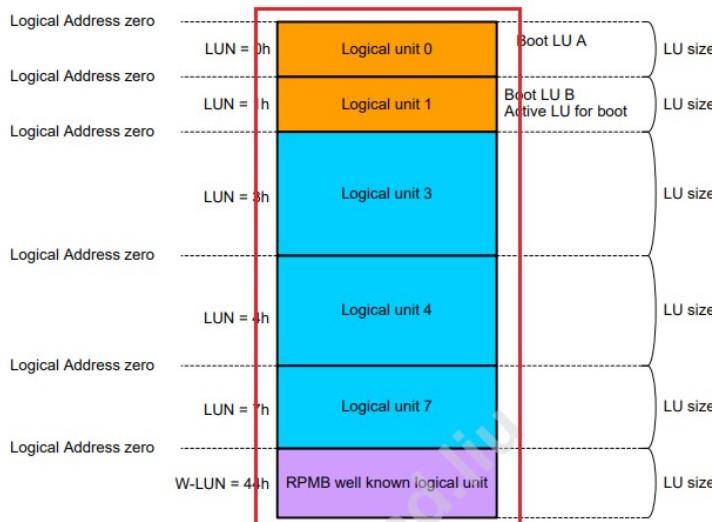
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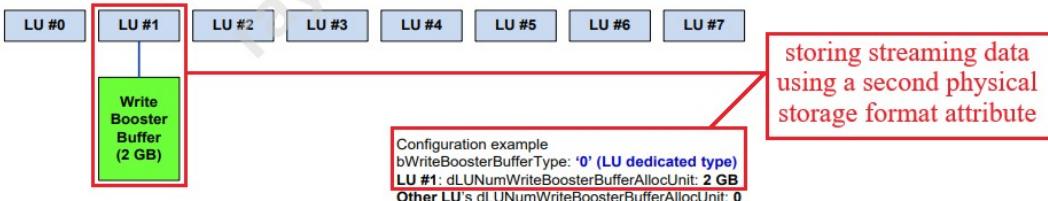
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GEOMETRY DESCRIPTOR				
Offset	Size	Name	Value	Description
54h	1	bWriteBoosterBufferCapA djFac	Device specific	<p>Capacity Adjustment Factor for the WriteBooster Buffer memory type.</p> <p>This value provides the LBA space reduction multiplication factor when WriteBooster Buffer is configured in user space reduction mode.</p> <p>Therefore, this parameter applies only if bWriteBoosterBufferPreserveUserSpaceEn is 00h.</p> <p>For "LU dedicated buffer" mode, the total user space is decreased by the following amount: $bWriteBoosterBufferCapAdjFac * dLUNumWriteBoosterBufferAllocUnits * bAllocationUnitSize * dSegmentSize * 512 \text{ byte}$.</p> <p>For "shared buffer" mode, the total user space is decreased by the following amount: $bWriteBoosterBufferCapAdjFac * dNumSharedWriteBoosterBufferAllocUnits * bAllocationUnitSize * dSegmentSize * 512 \text{ byte}$.</p> <p>The value of this parameter is 3 for TLC NAND when SLC mode is used as WriteBooster Buffer. 2 for MLC NAND.</p>

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In Figure 2 below, the top WriteBooster image shows how a pSLC buffer worsens the Write Amplification Factor⁴ (WAF) since data is written to the pSLC buffer first, and then written to the TLC user space. The bottom image represents normal write operations without the WriteBooster feature enabled and shows that the pSLC buffer is not being used. For this operation, data is written directly to the TLC user space.

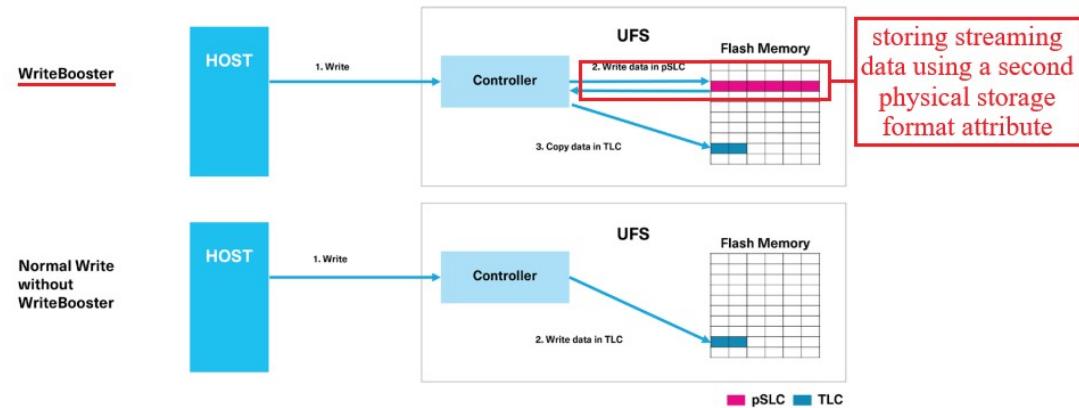
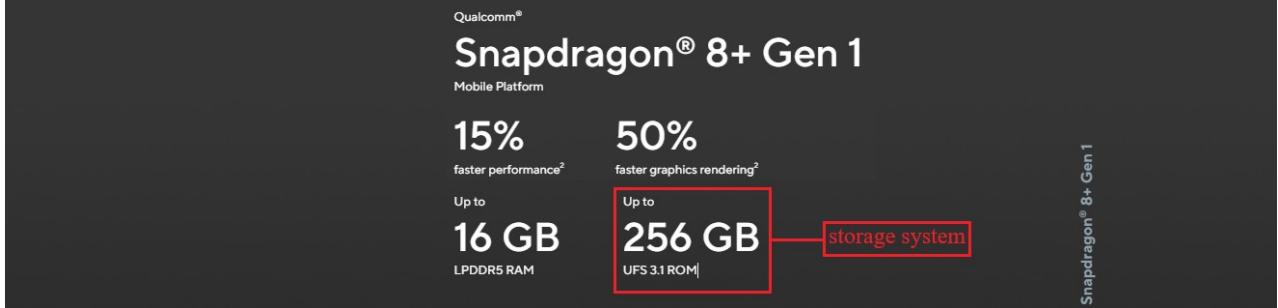


Figure 2 depicts write operations with and without the WriteBooster Feature enabled

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What is UFS 3.1 and how does it work?

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Universal Flash Storage (UFS) 3.1 is a high-performance storage technology designed for mobile devices, such as smartphones and tablets, but it can also be used in other applications like laptops, digital cameras, and automotive systems. UFS 3.1 builds upon the capabilities of its predecessor, UFS 3.0, offering improvements in speed, power efficiency, and overall performance. Here's a detailed look at what UFS 3.1 is, how it works, and the key features it brings to the table:

Architecture and Components

1. NAND Flash Memory:

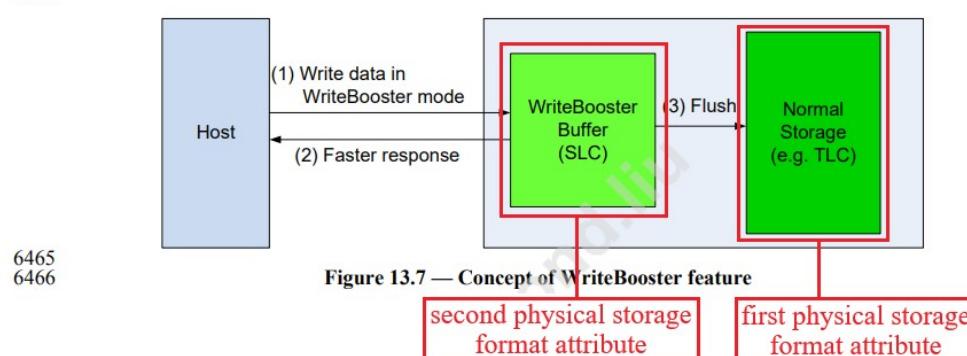
- UFS 3.1 utilizes NAND flash memory, which is a type of non-volatile storage that retains data even when the device is powered off. NAND flash memory is known for its high density, fast read/write speeds, and durability.

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6453 **13.4.17 WriteBooster**

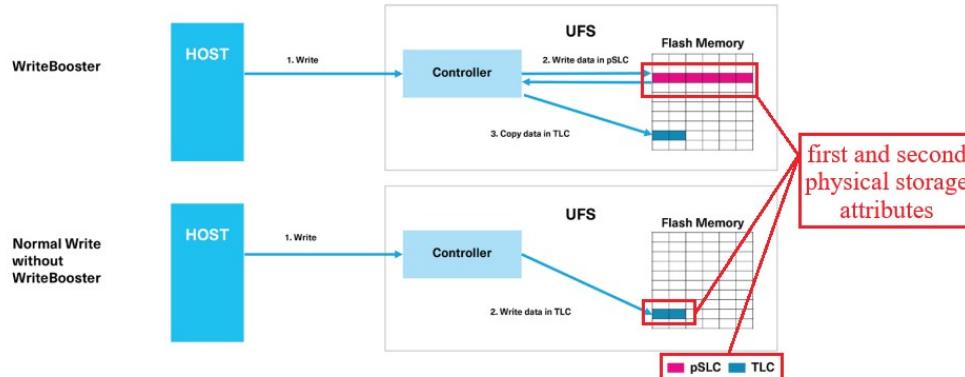
6454 **13.4.17.1 Overview**

6455 The write performance of TLC NAND is considerably lower than SLC NAND because the logically
6456 defined TLC bits require more programming steps and have higher error correction probability. To
6457 improve the write performance, part of the TLC NAND (normal storage) is configured as SLC NAND
6458 and used as write buffer, temporarily or permanently. Using SLC NAND as a WriteBooster Buffer
6459 enables the write request to be processed with lower latency and improves the overall write performance.
6460 Some portions of TLC NAND allocated for the user area are assigned as the WriteBooster Buffer. The
6461 data written in the WriteBooster Buffer can be flushed into TLC NAND storage by an explicit host
6462 command or implicitly while in hibernate (HIBERN8) state. Technologies other than TLC and SLC
6463 NAND may be used as normal storage and WriteBooster Buffer.
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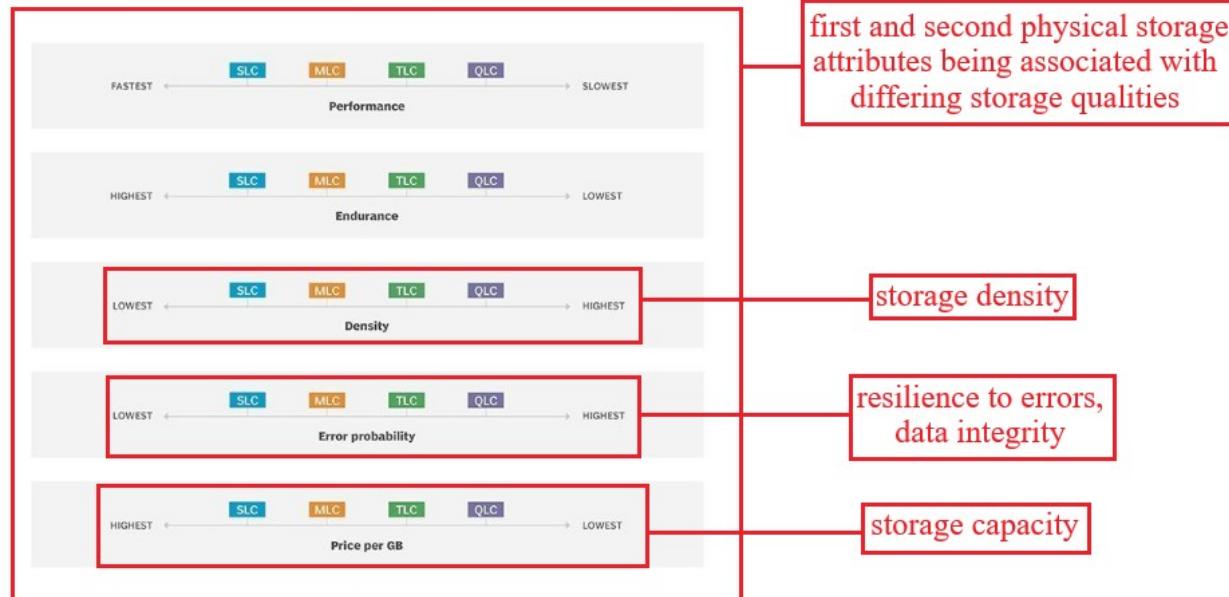


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GEOMETRY DESCRIPTOR				
Offset	Size	Name	Value	Description
54h	1	<u>bWriteBoosterBufferCapAdjFac</u>	Device specific	<p>Capacity Adjustment Factor for the WriteBooster Buffer memory type.</p> <p>This value provides the LBA space reduction multiplication factor when WriteBooster Buffer is configured in user space reduction mode.</p> <p>Therefore, this parameter applies only if bWriteBoosterBufferPreserveUserSpaceEn is 00h.</p> <p>For "<u>LU dedicated buffer</u>" mode, the total user space is decreased by the following amount: $bWriteBoosterBufferCapAdjFac * dLUNumWriteBoosterBufferAllocUnits * bAllocationUnitSize * dSegmentSize * 512 \text{ byte}$.</p> <p>For "shared buffer" mode, the total user space is decreased by the following amount: $bWriteBoosterBufferCapAdjFac * dNumSharedWriteBoosterBufferAllocUnits * bAllocationUnitSize * dSegmentSize * 512 \text{ byte}$.</p> <p>The value of this parameter is 3 for <u>TLC NAND</u> when <u>SLC mode</u> is used as WriteBooster Buffer. 2 for <u>MLC NAND</u>.</p>

Source: JESD220E specification

NAND flash characteristics



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